

**APPENDIX XV - NP EVIDENCE BASE
LOCAL GREEN SPACE ALLOCATIONS AND NPPF CRITERIA**

The NPPF 2018 states

Paragraph 99 The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

Paragraph 100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and*
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.*

Lamerton NP Green Spaces Assessment

Space, site, location	Characteristics	Green Space Value
Avenue of sycamore trees on the SE approach to the village along Green Hill	large specimen trees on hedgebank on the E side and in the verge on the W side of the road	Frequently used route for both vehicular access and egress from the village and by pedestrians walking for recreation. In March 2023 Questionnaire over 80% thought the Avenue of Trees important. It has historic significance and provides recreational value, natural beauty, tranquillity, wildlife habitat and visual impact as the approach to the village, specific to Lamerton
River Lumburn as a wildlife corridor	The river is of moderate size as it passes through open countryside adjacent to a Public Right of Way north of the former mill where it transects Green Hill. It flows south into the Green Triangle then meanders south west, departing the settlement at Rushford.	In the March 2023 Questionnaire over 80% supported the designation of the river as a wildlife corridor requiring protection from development that might impact the special habitats the river currently provides. It is known to be used by otters, and bats, included protected species, are present in the environment adjacent to the river. A medieval mill was located on its banks and the PRow following the river offers recreational value and tranquillity to the many who use the footpaths daily.

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Playing field adjacent to the Parish Hall including the children's play area and MUGA	The field lies to the S of Green Hill and is bordered on the west by the main Tavistock to Launceston Road. It provides a football field and multi use games area frequently used by the school and residents for recreation. A small separated area has been equipped with play facilities suitable for younger children.	Identified as important to 80% of the community attending the November 2023 consultation, it provides recreational value for people of all ages and abilities. The boundaries of the site to the W,S and SE contain mature trees and hedgerows as well as an undeveloped area left overgrown for wildlife habitat. It is also the site on which trees commemorating significant national and local events have been planted, and offers seating in a tranquil setting.

Two of the green spaces are within the Settlement Boundary. The Avenue of Trees is outside the Settlement Boundary but easily accessible by foot and is used by many dog walkers. The course of the river is largely outside the Settlement Boundary but dissects the Settlement at 2 points and runs adjacent to a PRow that provides access from Green Hill into open countryside. A stone clapper bridge crosses the river

	Close proximity	Sporting facility	Recreational use	Valued by community
Avenue of Trees	✓		✓	✓
River Lumburn	✓		✓	✓
Playing field	✓	✓	✓	✓